Hereditary rights of village officers.

* 325 *Q.*—SRI K. SHANMUGHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to discontinue the principle of the hereditary rights of village officers (munsifs)?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"One of the recommendations of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee is that the hereditary system of village offices be abolished. The recommendations of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee are under the consideration of Government."

Direct recruitment of Sub-Inspectors of Police.

* 326 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER:—"As the hon. Member Sri M. S. Mogral who gave notice of the question is not in his seat, the question along with the answer will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Head constables who have passed the S.S.L.C. or higher examinations and who have undergone training at the Police Training College still working as Head constables in the district of South Kanara; and

(*b*) whether the Government will stop direct recruitment of Sub-Inspectors until all such qualified and trained Head constables are absorbed by promotion as Sub-Inspectors?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"(*a*) Four, Sir.

"(*b*) The Government have issued orders stopping direct recruitment of Sub-Inspectors of Police for one year with a view to provide for the re-promotion of as many of the suitable reverted Sub-Inspectors as possible in existing vacancies. Head constables who are qualified and considered suitable for promotion as Sub-Inspectors will get their chances in due course as and when vacancies arise."

Drinking water-supply for Vijayavada.

* 327 *Q.*—SRI T. POTHA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a resolution passed in July 1952 by the Vijayavada Municipal Council to purchase two Studebaker Water lorries to alleviate the water scarcity and to supply drinking water to those places where water mains have not yet been extended has been received by the Government, and if so, what action has been taken on the same; and

(*b*) whether the Collector, Krishna, recommended suspension of the resolution to the Government?